

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, and 30-41 are pending and under consideration; Claims 12-29 are withdrawn; and Claims 1, 3, 30, and 37 are amended herein based on, e.g., page 8, lines 2-4 and page 3, lines 29-30 wherein it is disclosed that the certification component verifies identity of users on the system; and at page 3, lines 3-16 wherein it is disclosed that the access component establishes rules for accessing content on the system, e.g., for accessing programs, processes and other documents.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-8, 11, 30, 31, 34 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-8, 11, 30, 31, 34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by US Patent 6,959,290 (“Stefik”). For the reasons set forth herein, Stefik does not anticipate the claims; accordingly withdrawal of this ground for rejecting the claims is respectfully requested.

As amended, claim 1 recites ...a certification component that *verifies identity of users on the system*; and an access component that establishes rules of use for digital content on the system based at least upon *the identity of the users on the system*. [Emphasis added].

Thus, in applicant’s claimed system, access to content (e.g., to monitor control logic, or download a program, or view the program, or create inputs) is determined by the certification component that *verifies identity the user*; and the access component that establishes rules of use based on *the identity of the user*.

Stefik does not teach or suggest such claimed features. Rather, Stefik teaches that access to its content is determined by an author of the content at time the content is created. *See* col. 6, lines 13-19. Further, in Stefik, the right to access content is permanently attached to the content (col. 8, line 37) and always remains with the content, and the scope of the granted rights remains the same or may be narrowed (col. 10, lines 50-53) when the content is distributed.

Thus, in view of Stefik’s failure to teach the certification component and/or the access component that determine access to content based on the identity of the user, Stefik does not anticipate claim 1 or any of its dependent Claims 2-11, under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 30 under this heading, this claims is amended herein to specify transmitting the encrypted message to the automation device, *wherein the certification component verifies the identity of the automation device of the message, and an access*

component establishes rules of use for the message based at least upon the identity of the automation device, similar to claim 1.

Hence, as discussed *supra*, since Stefik does not disclose or suggest the certification component and the access component wherein access is based at least upon the identity of the user, therefore Stefik also does not anticipate claim 30 or any of its dependent claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Stefik as applied to claims 1, and 7, further in view of US Publication 2003/0172090 A1 (“Asunmaa”).

Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reason. Asunmaa does not cure the aforementioned deficiencies of Stefik with respect to independent claim 1 (from which the subject claims respectively depend).

V. Rejection of Claims 32, 33 and 37-41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 32, 33 and 37-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Stefik as applied to claims 30, and 31 above, and further in view of US Publication 2002/0120521 A1 (“Forth”).

For the reasons noted above with reference to Claim 1, Stefik does not teach or suggest applicant’s certification component that verifies the identity of the devices, and the access component that establishes rules of use based upon the identity of the automation devices, as set forth in Claim 30 as amended herein. Since this deficiency in Stefik is not cured by Forth, therefore Stefik in combination with Forth also does not render dependent claims 32 and 33 unpatentable over the cited art.

Claim 37 has been amended to specify a transmitting the encrypted message to a second automation device, *wherein the certification component verifies the identity of the automation device of the message, and an access component establishes rules of use for the message based at least upon the identity of the automation device*. Thus, for similar reasons to that noted above, the cited art does not make obvious applicants’ subject matter as recited in this claim.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

VI. Rejection of Claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stefik as applied to claims 30, and 31 above, and further in view of US Publication 2002/0059144 A1 (“Meffert”).

As discussed above with reference to claim 30, Stefik does not teach or suggest a certification component that verifies the identity of the automation device of the message, and an access component that establishes rules of use for the message based upon the identity of the automation device. Since this deficiency in Stefik is not cured by Meffert, therefore Stefik in combination with Meffert does not render claim 35 (dependent from claim 30) unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a), as claim 35 incorporates all the elements of claim 30.

Accordingly, withdrawal of all the rejections under this heading is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the present amendments and Remarks, allowance of the Application is respectfully requested. In fees are due in connection with this reply, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP333US].

Should a telephone interview be helpful to expedite allowance, kindly contact the Applicants’ undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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